

**U.S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE**  
Seattle, Washington

**GENERAL TERMS, CONDITIONS, AND SPECIFICATIONS**

For the Procurement of

Sourdough Notes

as requisitioned from the U.S. Government Printing Office (GPO) by the

**U.S. Department of Agriculture  
U.S. Forest Service  
Juneau, Alaska**

**Single Award**

The term of this contract is for the period

**beginning September 1, 2000 and ending August 31, 2001**

**PRODUCTION AREA:** It is assumed that all production facilities used in the manufacture of the products ordered under this contract will be located within a 25-mile radius of Juneau, AK.

**BID OPENING:** Bids will be publicly open at 2:00 P.M., prevailing Seattle, WA, time on August 17, 2000.

**CONTRACT TERM:** The term of this contract is for one year (the base year), and four option years. Attention is directed to the clauses: "Economic Price Adjustment," and "Option to Extend the Contract Term."

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## SECTION 1.- GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

**GPO CONTRACT TERMS:** Any contract which results from this Invitation for Bid will be subject to the applicable provisions, clauses and supplemental specifications of GPO Contract Terms (GPO Pub. 310.2, effective December 1, 1987 (Rev. 9-88)), and GPO Contract Terms, Quality Assurance Through Attributes Program (GPO Pub. 310.1, effective May 1979 (revised December 1992)).

**QUALITY ASSURANCE LEVELS AND STANDARDS:** The following levels and standards shall apply to these specifications:

specifications:

Product Quality Levels:

- (a) Printing Attributes – Level III.
- (b) Finishing Attributes -- Level III.

Inspection Levels (from MIL-STD-105):

- (a) Non-destructive Tests - General Inspection Level I.
- (b) Destructive Tests - Special Inspection Level S-2.

Specified Standards: The specified standards for the attributes requiring them shall be:

<u>Attribute</u>	<u>Specified Standard</u>
<b>P-7.</b> Type Quality and Uniformity	Camera Copy
<b>P-8.</b> Halftone Match (Single and Double Impression)	Camera Copy

**SUBCONTRACTING:** The predominant production function is presswork.

**OPTION EXTENSION OF CONTRACT TERM:** The Government may extend the term of this contract by written notice to the contractor no later than 60 days before the contract expires. If the Government exercises this option, the extended contract will include all provision herein. The total duration of this contract, including the exercise of any options, will not exceed five years.

**ECONOMIC PRICE ADJUSTMENT:** The prices set forth in this contract shall be adjusted in accordance with the provisions of this clause, provided that in no event will prices be revised to exceed the maximum permissible under any law existing as of the date of the contract or as may be hereafter promulgated.

Price adjustment period: For the purpose of this clause, the program years shall comply with the Contract Term clause on page 1. There shall be no price adjustment for orders placed during the first program year of this contract.

Price adjustment: The prices shall be adjusted on the basis of the "Consumer Price Index For All Urban Consumers - Commodities Less Food", published monthly in the CPI Detailed Report by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, in the following manner:

- (1) The contract price of orders placed during the adjusted period (excluding reimbursable postage or transportation costs) shall be adjusted by the percentage increase or decrease in the average, seasonally adjusted Consumer Price Index as follows: An index shall be calculated by averaging the 12 seasonally adjusted months ending 3 months prior to the expiration of the first program year of the contract. This average is then compared with the average index for the 12-month period ending 3 months prior to the beginning of the contract, called the base index. The percentage increase or decrease by comparing these two indexes shall be applied to the contractor's invoices for orders placed during the price adjustment period.

- (2) **The Government will notify the contractor in writing of the percentage increase or decrease to be applied** to any invoices to be submitted for orders subject to price adjustment in accordance with this clause. Such percentage will be determined from the published index as set forth above. The contractor shall apply the percentage increase or decrease against the total price of the invoice less reimbursable postage or transportation costs. Any applicable discounts will be calculated on the basis of the invoice price as adjusted.

If the Government exercises an option, the extended contract shall be considered to include this economic price adjustment clause.

**LIMITATION OF PERFORMANCE AND CONTRACTOR OBLIGATIONS:** Funds are available for performance of this contract for the first program period only. The amount of funds available at award is not considered sufficient for the performance required for any program period other than the first program period. When additional funds are available for the full requirements of the next succeeding program period, the Contracting Officer shall, not later than the date specified in the "Options" clause (unless a later date is agreed to), so notify the contractor in writing.

The Government's obligation to the contractor, as specified and limited under this contract, extends only to work under program period requirements for which funds have been made available and as obligated by each print order.

The contractor is not obligated to incur costs for the performance required for any program period after the first unless written notification is received from the Contracting Officer of an increase in availability of funds. If so notified, the contractor's obligation shall increase only to the extent contract performance is required for the additional program period for which funds have been made available.

If this contract is terminated under the "Termination for the Convenience of the Government" clause "total contract price" in that clause means the amount available for performance of this contract, as provided for in this clause. The term "work in process" in that clause means the work under program period requirements for which funds have been made available. If the contract is terminated for default, the Government's rights under this contract shall apply to the entire multiperiod requirements.

**FACSIMILE BIDS:** The solicitation provision in GPO Contract Terms (Pub. 310.2) permitting facsimile bids means a bid that has been transmitted to and has been received by a commercial enterprise via facsimile and subsequently delivered to the Government. **Facsimile bids transmitted to GPO offices will not be considered.**

**PREAWARD SURVEY:** In order to determine the responsibility of the prime contractor or any subcontractor, the Government reserves the right to conduct a pre-award survey or to require other evidence of technical, production, managerial, financial, and similar abilities to perform, prior to the award of a contract.

**ASSIGNMENT OF JACKETS, PURCHASE AND PRINT ORDERS:** A GPO jacket number will be assigned and a purchase order issued to the contractor to cover work performed. The purchase order will be supplemented by an individual "Print Order" for each job placed with the contractor. The print order, when issued, will indicate the quantity to be produced and any other information pertinent to the particular order.

**ORDERING:** Items to be furnished under this contract shall be ordered by the issuance of print orders by the Government. Orders may be issued under this contract from September 1, 2000 through August 31, 2001. All print orders issued hereunder are subject to the terms and conditions of this contract. This contract shall control in the event of conflict with any print order. When mailed, a print order shall be "issued" for purposes of this contract at the time the Government deposits the order in the mail.

**PAYMENT:** Submit all vouchers to: Comptroller, Stop FMCE, Financial Management Service, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20401.

**REQUIREMENTS:** This is a requirements contract for the items and for the period specified herein. Shipment/delivery of items or performance of work shall be made only as authorized by orders issued in accordance with the clause entitled "Ordering". The quantities of items specified herein are estimates only, and are not purchased hereby. Except as may be otherwise provided in this contract, if the Government's requirements for the items set forth herein do not result in orders in the amounts or quantities described as "estimated", it shall not constitute the basis for an equitable price adjustment under this contract.

Except as otherwise provided in this contract, the Government shall order from the contractor all the items set forth which are required to be purchased by the Government activity identified on page 1.

The Government shall not be required to purchase from the contractor, requirements in excess of the limit on total orders under this contract, if any.

Orders issued during the effective period of this contract and not completed within that time shall be completed by the contractor within the time specified in the order, and the rights and obligations of the contractor and the Government respecting those orders shall be governed by the terms of this contract to the same extent as if completed during the effective period of this contract.

If shipment/delivery of any quantity of an item covered by the contract is required by reason of urgency prior to the earliest date that shipment/ delivery may be specified under this contract, and if the contractor will not accept an order providing for the accelerated shipment/delivery, the Government may procure this requirement from another source.

The Government may issue orders, which provide for shipment/delivery to or performance at multiple destinations.

Subject to any limitations elsewhere in this contract, the contractor shall furnish to the Government all items set forth herein which are called for by print orders issued in accordance with the "Ordering" clause of this contract.

**RECOVERED MATERIALS PROGRAM:** The Government Printing Office is promoting the use of recovered materials in its contracts to the maximum extent practicable, provided all specification requirements are met. Offerors are encouraged to supply paper and paper products that contain recovered materials even in the absence of a specific solicitation provision or contract clause requiring such materials.

Recovered materials shall mean "recovered fiber" or "postconsumer recovered fiber" as defined in "Government Paper Specification Standards No. 11," published by the Joint Committee on Printing. However, when used in conjunction with the cotton/linen content of paper, "recovered fiber" means a postconsumer fiber and "recovered material" means a preconsumer fiber.

By submission of a bid or offer, or by substantial performance on a small purchase, the offeror certifies that the paper to be supplied contains at least the minimum percentage of recovered materials in the paper products as specified. This certification concerns a matter within the jurisdiction of an agency of the United States, and the making of a false, fictitious or fraudulent certification may render the maker subject to prosecution under Title 18, United States Code, Section 1001. The Government reserves the right to require proof of such certification prior to first delivery and thereafter as may be otherwise provided for under the provisions of the contract.

When the use of recovered materials is specified, the contractor shall maintain manufacturer/mill accounting and record summaries on the fiber weight content used as feed stock, for the purposes of Government audit, that will verify (a) the contractor's certification of the minimum percentage of recovered materials used in the performance of the contract, (b) that the paper and paper products are in compliance with the specification requirements, and (c) the paper is manufactured in accordance with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Paper Products Recovered Materials Advisory Notice (61 FR 26985, May 29, 1996) whether the products are manufactured by the contractor or another paper mill. The contractor, if not the manufacturer, shall obtain this information from the paper manufacturer. The contractor shall maintain, and make available to the Government, these documents for one year after the expiration of the contract. Nothing in this clause shall excuse the contractor from furnishing the specified paper.

## **SECTION 2.- SPECIFICATIONS**

**SCOPE:** These specifications cover the production of newsletters requiring such operations as printing, binding, and delivery.

**TITLE:** Sourdough Notes

**FREQUENCY OF ORDERS:** Approximately eight issues per year.

**QUANTITY:** Approximately 1,800 copies per issue.

**NUMBER OF PAGES:** Approximately 8 pages per issue with an occasional order having a page count up to 36.

**TRIM SIZE:** 8-1/2 x 11"

### **GOVERNMENT TO FURNISH:**

Zip disk; or CD, Macintosh platform, with PageMaker 6.0 or 6.5.

Photographs or 35 mm slides, black and white or colored.

Print orders.

One reproduction proof (image size 7-7/8 x 6-1/8") for shipping container labels.

Identification markings such as register marks, ring folios, rubber stamped jacket numbers, commercial identification marks of any kind, etc., except form number, and revision date, carried on copy or film, must not print on finished product.

### **CONTRACTOR TO FURNISH:**

All materials and operations, other than those listed under "Government to Furnish," necessary to produce the products in accordance with these specifications.

Prior to image processing, the contractor shall perform a basic check (preflight) of the furnished media and publishing files to assure correct output of the required reproduction image. Any errors, media damage, or data corruption that might interfere with proper file image processing are discovered during inspection by the contractor, work must be discontinued and further instructions should immediately be requested from the agency.

This preflight must identify any problem areas with digital file submission and must include, but not be limited, to missing or damaged fonts, damaged disks, missing bleeds, improper trim size and improper color definition. The contractor is also responsible for creating or altering any necessary trapping, setting proper screen angles and screen frequency (unless indicated otherwise by the Government), and defining proper file output selection for the imaging device being utilized. Furnished files must be imaged as necessary to meet the assigned Quality Assurance Through Attributes Program (QATAP) level.

**Upon completion of each order, the contractor must furnish final production native application files (digital deliverables) with the furnished material. The digital deliverables must be an exact representation of the final printed product and must include all "hard copy" supplied with the order.** Digital deliverables will be returned on the same type of storage media as was originally furnished. The Government will not accept, as digital deliverables, Postscript files, Adobe Acrobat Portable Document Format (PDF) files, or any proprietary file formats other than those supplied, unless specified by the Government.

**COMPUTER TIME WORK:** Will consist of minor repairs and/or corrections required by the ordering agency on electronic camera copy. Time work will be rounded up to closest 15 minute increments. **Prior to work, the contractor will be required to inform the agency of the approximate time required for repairs or corrections.**

**FILM:** The contractor must make all film required. It is anticipated that there will be from 7 to 20 halftones per issue, with an average of 10 halftones. The average halftone will be 3 x 4".

**STOCK/PAPER:** The specifications of all paper furnished must be in accordance with those listed herein or listed for the corresponding JCP Code numbers in the "Government Paper Specification Standards No. 11," dated February, 1999.

White Offset Book; basis weight: 60 lbs. per 500 sheets, 25 x 38", equal to JCP Code A60.

Cream Offset Book; basis weight: 60 lbs. per 500 sheets, 25 x 38", equal to JCP Code A60.

**PRINTING:** Print head-to-head in black ink.

If lithographic ink is used in the performance of this contract, the ink shall contain not less than 20 percent vegetable oil.

**MARGINS:** Maintain margins as indicated

**PROOFS:** One set of high resolution page proofs or one set of bluelines with all elements in their proper position.

**BINDING:** Four-page issues fold from 17 x 11" to 8-1/2 x 11"; balance of orders will saddle stitch in two places and trim three sides.

Some orders may require folding to 8-1/2 x 5-1/2" and applying one closure tab for mailing.

**SHRINK WRAP:** When required, shrink film wrap in quantities as indicated on the print order.

**LABELING AND MARKING:** Package and/or Container Label; Reproduce shipping container label from furnished repro, fill in appropriate blanks, and attach to shipping containers.

**DISTRIBUTION:** Deliver f.o.b. destination as follows:

USDA/U.S. Forest Service  
Federal Building, Room 519d  
709 W. 9<sup>th</sup> Street  
Juneau, AK 99801-1628  
Attn: Jean Satterthwaite

All expenses incidental to picking up of Government furnished materials, returning materials and proofs, and furnishing sample copies must be borne by the contractor.

Upon completion of each order, all Government furnished materials are to be returned to the to the address under "Distribution."

**SCHEDULE:** Adherence to this schedule must be maintained. Contractor must not start production of any job prior to receipt of the individual print order (GPO Form 2511).

Furnished material must be picked up from and delivered to the Department (see address under "Distribution" above).

No definite schedule for pickup of material can be predetermined.

The following schedule begins the workday of notification of availability of print order and furnished material.

Page proofs will be held no more than one workday.

Contractor must make complete production and delivery within five workdays.

The ship/deliver date indicated on the print order is the date products ordered must be delivered to the destination(s) specified.

Unscheduled material such as shipping documents, receipts or instructions, delivery lists, labels, etc., will be furnished with each order or shortly thereafter. In the event such information is not received in due time, the contractor will not be relieved of any responsibility in meeting the shipping schedule because of failure to request such information.

### **SECTION 3.- DETERMINATION OF AWARD**

The Government will determine the lowest bid by applying the prices quoted in the "Schedule of Prices" to the following units of production which are the estimated requirements to produce 12 months' work under this contract. These units do not constitute, nor are they to be construed as, a guarantee of the volume of work which may be ordered under this contract.

The following item designations correspond to those listed in the "Schedule of Prices."

	<b>(1)</b>	<b>(2)</b>
<b>I.</b>	<b>(a)</b>	64      1,152
<b>II.</b>	<b>(a)</b>	432
	<b>(b)</b>	144
<b>III.</b>	<b>(a)</b>	80
	<b>(b)</b>	5
	<b>(c)</b>	60



#### SECTION 4.- SCHEDULE OF PRICES

**SUBMISSION OF OFFERS AND EVALUATION:** The offer shall be based upon supplying paper that meets or exceeds the minimum percentage of waste paper as required by this solicitation. By submission of an offer, offerors are certifying that the paper to be supplied contains at least the minimum percentage specified. This certification concerns a matter within the jurisdiction of an agency of the United States, and the making of a false, fictitious, or fraudulent certification may render the maker subject to prosecution under Title 18, United States Code, Section 1001. The Government reserves the right to require proof of such certification prior to first delivery and thereafter as may be otherwise provided for under the provisions of the contract.

Bids offered are f.o.b. destination.

Bidder must make an entry in each of the spaces provided. Bids submitted with any obliteration, revision, or alteration of the order and manner of submitting bids, may be declared nonresponsive.

An entry of NC (No Charge) shall be entered if bidder intends to furnish individual items at no charge to the Government.

Bids submitted with NB (No Bid) or blank spaces for an item may be declared nonresponsive.

The Contracting Officer reserves the right to reject any offer that contains prices for individual items of production (whether or not such items are included in the Determination of Award) that are inconsistent or unrealistic in regard to other prices in the same offer or to GPO prices for the same operation if such action would be in the best interest of the Government.

All vouchers submitted to the GPO shall be based on the most economical method of production.

Fractional parts of 100 will be prorated at the per 100 rate.

- I. COMPLETE PRODUCT:** Prices quoted shall include the cost of all required materials and operations necessary for the complete production and delivery of the product listed in accordance with these specifications.

	<u>Makeready and/or Setup</u> <b>(1)</b>	<u>Running Per 100 Copies</u> <b>(2)</b>
<b>(a)</b> Per page	\$ _____	\$ _____

**II. PAPER:** Payment for all paper supplied by the contractor under the terms of these specifications, as ordered on the individual print orders, will be based on the net number of leaves furnished for the product(s) ordered. The cost of any paper required for make-ready or running spoilage must be included in the prices offered.

	<u>Per 100 leaves</u>
<b>(a)</b> White Offset Book (60 lbs)	\$ _____
<b>(b)</b> Cream Offset Book (60 lbs)	\$ _____

**III. ADDITIONAL OPERATIONS:**

<b>(a)</b> Halftones. The cost will include film, sizing, and stripping. Cost per halftone.	\$ _____
<b>(b)</b> Computer time work, cost per hour.	\$ _____
<b>(c)</b> Shrink-film wrap, cost per package.	\$ _____

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Initials)

My production facilities are located within the assumed area of production. \_\_\_\_\_yes \_\_\_\_\_no.

**NOTICE:** Bidders "OUTSIDE" the assumed production area specified on page one of these specifications should complete the following information.

Proposed carrier(s) for pickup of Government furnished material. \_\_\_\_\_.

Number of hours from acceptance of print order to pickup of Government furnished material. \_\_\_\_\_.

Number of hours from pickup of Government furnished material to delivery at contractor's plant. \_\_\_\_\_.

Proposed carrier(s) for delivery of completed product. \_\_\_\_\_.

Number of hours from notification to carrier to pickup of completed product. \_\_\_\_\_.

Number of hours from pickup of completed product to delivery at destination. \_\_\_\_\_.

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**BIDDER'S NAME AND SIGNATURE:** Fill out and return all pages in "Section 4.- Schedule of Prices," initial or sign each in the space provided, and submit with the GPO Form 910, "Bid". **Only the original is required.** Do not enter bid prices on the GPO Form 910. NOTE: The schedule of prices will prevail in instances where prices are inadvertently entered on GPO Form 910.

Bidder\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
(City - State)

By\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature and title of person authorized to sign this bid)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Person to be contacted)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Telephone Number)